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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Currently amended): A method of ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising the steps of:  
    providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be ~~at least one of erased and~~ programmed, the identifier identifying a correct ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming of the memory arrangement; and  
    altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming the information.
  2. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the computer is a control unit in a motor vehicle.
  3. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the altering step includes the substep of:  
    altering the identifier by at least one of erasing and programming.
  4. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
    entering the identifier into a further area of the memory arrangement, the further area being ~~at least one of erased and~~ programmed only after ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming of the area.
  5. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 4, wherein the further area is to be ~~at least one of erased and~~ programmed last.
  6. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is a component of the information.
  7. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
    altering the identifier by at least one of erasing and programming so that the identifier is unidentifiable.

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8. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is a section of a program identifier which identifies the respective information.
9. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of: checking the identifier after at least one of (a) an interruption in ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~ and (b) ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~ the memory arrangement.
10. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 9, further comprising the step of: storing the interruption with a flag in the memory arrangement.
11. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:  
checking at least one of the identifier and the flag before ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~; and  
analyzing at least one of the identifier and the flag before ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~.
12. (Currently amended): A method of reprogramming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising the step of:  
selecting an identifier from the information entered into an area of the memory to be ~~at least one of erased and programmed~~, the identifier identifying a correct ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~ of the memory arrangement.
13. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 12, wherein the computer is a control unit in a motor vehicle.
14. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of: selecting the identifier from the information entered into a further area of the memory arrangement, the further area being ~~at least one of erased and programmed~~ only after ~~at least one of erasing and programming~~ of the area.
15. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 14, wherein the further area is to be ~~at least one of erased and programmed~~ last.

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16. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:  
altering the selected identifier in the memory arrangement before ~~at least one of erasing~~  
~~and~~ programming the information.
17. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 16, wherein the altering step  
includes the substep of:  
altering the selected identifier by at least one of erasing and programming.
18. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step  
of:  
selecting the identifier as at least one section of a predetermined length of the  
information entered into the memory arrangement.
19. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 12, further comprising the step  
of:  
altering the identifier by at least one of erasing and programming so that the identifier  
is unidentifiable.
20. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein the identifier is a  
section of a program identifier which identifies the information.
21. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 12, further comprising the step of:  
checking the identifier after at least one of (a) an interruption in ~~at least one of erasing~~  
~~and~~ programming and (b) ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming the memory arrangement.
22. (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step  
of:  
storing the interruption with a flag in the memory arrangement.
23. (Currently amended): The method according to Claim 22, further comprising the steps  
of:  
checking at least one of the identifier and the flag before ~~at least one of erasing and~~  
programming; and  
analyzing at least one of the identifier and the flag before ~~at least one of erasing and~~  
programming.

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24. (Currently amended): A device for ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

a programming arrangement entering an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement to be ~~at least one of erased and~~ programmed, the identifier identifying a correct ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming of the memory arrangement, the programming arrangement altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming the information.

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25. (Previously presented): The device according to Claim 24, wherein the computer is a control unit in a motor vehicle.

26. (Previously presented): The device according to Claim 24, wherein the identifier is altered by at least one of erasing and programming.

27. (Currently amended): A device, comprising:

a reprogramming arrangement reprogramming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, the reprogramming arrangement selecting an identifier from the information entered into an area of the memory arrangement to be ~~at least one of erased and~~ programmed, the identifier identifying a correct ~~at least one of erasing and~~ programming of the memory arrangement.

28. (Previously presented): The device according to Claim 27, wherein the computer is a control unit in a motor vehicle.

29. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the information includes data.

30. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the information includes programs.

31. (Previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the information includes data.

32. (Previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the information includes programs.

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33. (New): A method of erasing information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be erased, the identifier identifying a correct erasing of the memory arrangement; and

altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing the information.

34. (New): A device for erasing information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

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a programming arrangement entering an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement to be erased, the identifier identifying a correct erasing of the memory arrangement, the programming arrangement altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing the information.

35. (New): A method of erasing and programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be erased and programmed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and programming of the memory arrangement; and

altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing and programming the information.

36. (New): A method of reprogramming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

selecting an identifier from the information entered into an area of the memory to be reprogrammed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and programming of the memory arrangement.

37. (New): A device for erasing and programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising:

a programming arrangement entering an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement to be erased and programmed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and programming of the memory arrangement, the programming arrangement altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing and programming the information.

38. (New): A device for reprogramming information, comprising:

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C) an arrangement for reprogramming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, the reprogramming arrangement selecting an identifier from the information entered into an area of the memory arrangement to be erased and programmed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and programming of the memory arrangement.

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